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Thanks

... To those who supported our cake auction on Calf Club Day ... this raised \$277 for the junior school, \$324 for the middle school and \$89 for the senior school.

People of the week

... Those children who attended Central Calf Cub Day - see photos and results back page

... Those children gearing up for the Art Scholarship

Term calendar *(We will advise further dates as these come to hand)*

10 November	Meeting of Board of Trustees (6:00pm)
13 November	W.G.H.S. Orientation Day
20-22 November	Whanau weekend at Te Hapua Marae
23 November	Home garden diaries due
23 November	Art portfolios due
24 November	Year 4 to 6 Interschool Athletics (pp 26.11)
28 November	Home garden judging
1 December	Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics (pp 4.12)
3 December	School Team Athletics Day
8 December	School prize-giving (6:30pm)
9 December	2016 class lists on display (hall notice board)
11 December	Reports issued / Final assembly (2:30pm)
14 December	Final school day 2015

... start date for 2016 will be Tuesday 2nd February

Virtue - Term 4

Please continue your good work at home on the RESPECT virtue and keep us informed of any special developments so we can celebrate these together.

Looking to 2016

In order for us to plan for 2016 it is important for us to know which children will or will **not** be at Matarau School next year. So .. if you know that your child will not be at Matarau School in 2016 (and you have not already done so) can you please advise Helen next week by phone, answerphone or email (Messages via teachers or students don't count). This will assist us greatly in our planning. Thank you!

Cambridge Pathways ... Important message for parents of Year 6 and 7 students

We will have pathway recommendations ready by Monday 16 November, and interested parents are invited to make an appointment with their child's teacher if they would like to discuss this with us. **So ... if you would like feedback, or input, please make an appointment to see your child's teacher somewhere in the week beginning 16 November.** We are keen that parents realise that Cambridge is highly flexible, will merge well with our local curriculum, that the things we have done well in the past will stay, and that Cambridge can be moulded to fit every student. Cambridge will raise the bar ... your input is invited into determining how this might look for your child.

In brief from last week

... **Please send school cups back to school next week ... we are on the countdown to prizegiving**

... Result sheets for the International Schools Competitions will be sent home to parents on 9 November. Participation certificates will be given out at a forthcoming assembly, placement certificates (and cups) will be awarded at prizegiving.

... if you or your child have picked up a greenstone necklace that has a brown handmade plaited string could you return to school asap .. this is very special to someone.

... School Spelling Bee - Year 4 and up. Now underway in rooms. If your child is chosen to represent their class well done, please encourage them as we near the finals.

Zone Athletics - Poroti School - 11 November - (Years 4 to 8 only)

This event was postponed to Wednesday 11 November. **If you gave consent for your child to attend this event on 4 November, we will assume your consent for 11 November unless you advise the office otherwise by Monday.** A reminder that children are asked to bring school sunhats, something warm, lunch, plenty to drink and sunblock and spending money at your discretion. Please also ensure that children wear their Matarau T-Shirts, these can be purchased from the office for \$30 for the new quick dry fabric, or \$20 for the larger older style polo shirts.

Hospice Fundraiser

As part of their Genius Hour programme, Connan and Eve from Room 10 will hold a barbeque and muffin/cupcake sale (\$1-50 per item) at school at 12:35pm on Tuesday 17 November. So .. please put aside some coins to help them in this worthy cause. Order forms will be sent to classrooms on 12 November.

Year 8 students

... Parents of year 8 children who have not yet enrolled in their preferred secondary school are asked to make contact with this school at their nearest convenience.

... Please note that W.B.H.S. will hold an orientation morning at the school starting 9:30 and finishing at 12:30. Students are asked to report to the gym (bottom of the driveway). Parents are asked to arrange pickup for their child at 12:30 please. Any questions please to W.B.H.S.

... W.G.H.S. Orientation Day Friday 13 November (8:45 to 3:00) .. contact WGHS office with any questions.

... K.H.S. Orientation Day Friday 13 November (11:30 to 3:00) ... kids are asked to bring shorts and T shirts suitable for tabloid activities (and money for BBQ sausages and drinks at your discretion).

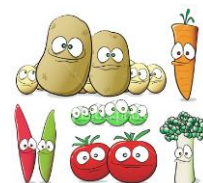
School contributions / Activity Fees

Payment requests for the above will be sent out next week ... and for any other outstanding fees. If you have any questions about these please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Home Gardening Meeting

Consent for judges to visit your child's garden were sent out this week. Please ensure these are returned to school next week so we can begin to plan the judging circuit. Judging date is the 28th November so aim to have your gardens looking their best at this time and students need to continue to work on their diaries. Keep the photos coming to sabbott@matarau.school.nz as the children enjoy seeing these at the meetings.

Please remind children to update their garden Dairies periodically. Home Garden Dairies are due in to the office no later than Monday 23rd November.



Marae trip 20-21 December

Limited spaces are available. Currently just over 50 adults and students have committed to attending. The cost of the marae fees is met by Whanau Group fundraising. Each whanau/family brings food for their family and this is put together and shared with the group. Students must attend with a parent or caregiver. Unlike school camps teachers do not provide supervision. The powhiri will be at 5:30pm on Friday 20th December. You may join the group at a later time or on Saturday morning. We will learn some of the local history and some songs. We also intend visiting Cape Reinga, Taputaputa and Te Paki Stream sandhills. All Matarau students and their whanau are welcome.



Art Scholarship (Years 4 to 8)

Please give Kevin a call with any questions. Teachers are more than willing to provide encouragement and advice to children on request. **Art portfolios are due to the school office by 3:30pm Monday 23 November.**

Term Headlice Inspection

Thank you to those who followed up with requested treatments. Parents are asked to check their children's hair weekly please so that we stay on top of this problem. The school is currently as close as we will get to headlice free .. it will be a team effort to keep it this way.

Finally

This week we signed off plans for our new science lab. Kids love hands on science! While used mainly by our year 7 and 8 students, there will also be occasional opportunities for younger students to use the lab. All subjects are important, but we are keen to especially grow competencies in literacy, mathematics and now science. This lab will give our students some experience of how secondary science works prior to arrival at secondary school, grow confidence and competency in experimental work, and hopefully hook them (and excite them) into this exciting subject. Happy to share the plans with anyone who drops by.

Regards

Kevin
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Community Notices

Kamo Swimming Club - Stroke Improvement lessons held Kamo High School Pool, end of Wilkinson Ave. Children need to be able to swim a basic freestyle/backstroke 10-15m without stopping. 4.30pm Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave Kamo, from Friday 6 November 4.30pm and thereafter Mondays & Fridays. Club nights held regularly. Cost per swimmer only \$85 for the season - very reasonable cost to ensure your child is swim safe and competent. Great opportunity for high school age / competent swimmers to get fit over summer & improve their swimming. Contact Karena Nesbit - 027 470 7955 for more details.



15th Annual Maunu School Country Fair - Cnr State Highway 14 and Austin Road, Maunu
Saturday 7th November from 10am to 2pm

Active Attitude Gymnasium and Youth Activity Centre - Open Day Sunday 15th November at 9 Commerce Street from 11:30am – 4:30pm. Children of all ages come and give gymnastics a go, meet our friendly coaches and view our gymnasium. There will be gymnast display demonstrations, spot prizes and lots of fun and fitness.

Wanted to Rent - 2-3bed Matarau and area, consider Kamo or Hikurangi. Around \$300 pw. Pref in early feb. But negotiable. Professional single mum with 3 kids. Ph Tina 022 630 0994 or katelynsway@hotmail.com

For Rent – Cosy country cottage in Ruatangata. 2 bedroom, can be part furnished. \$220 pw inc power.
Ph Jenny 027 325 8617

Halberg Disability Sport Foundation – Water Sports Day Saturday 21 November. Kowharewa Bay – Paddle Boarding, Waka Ama, Rowing; Sandy Bay – Surfing, Boogie Boarding; Phone 021 995 951.

Hopscotch For Kids After School Care

Based at Kensington Park, we transport kids to our centre after school. Daily activities for term 4 - tee ball, mini games, soccer, cooking and basketball. Open until 5.45pm. WINZ subsidies for those who qualify. For more info or to enrol, contact Abbey 0212372598 or email - hello@hopscotchforkids.co.nz

Great day at Central Calf Club Day Barge Park.

**Awesome results – Congratulations everyone who took their lambs or calves.
Up to 80 entries in each section!**

Calves

Grace Senior Heavy Breed Calf - 4th Leading, 4th Rearing, 1st Dairy Type, 1st Overall Children's judging

Connan– Intermediate Heavy Breed – 4th leading, 4th Rearing.

Esther - Junior Cross Breed – 1st Leading, 1st Rearing, 1st Dairy Type; 2nd Overall Leading

Leon– Junior Light Breed – 2nd Leading

Ella– 1st Most obvious pet calf; 3rd Overall Children's Judging;

Jessica– Dairy Type Intermediate – 3rd Leading

Brianna– Dairy Type Intermediate – 1st Overall; 3rd Rearing

Erica– Junior Heavy Breed – 2nd overall, 2nd Rearing

Hanna - Heavy Dairy Breed Intermediate – 1st Rearing

Nicole– Junior Jersey, 3rd Rearing

Jesse & Brianna -- Merit in Junior Calves

Lambs

Summer– Junior Lamb – 3rd Rearing, 4th Leading

Taylor– Merit in Senior Lambs

1st School Calf Team

Hanna, Ella, Jessica



GOLDEN LIBRARIANS

Susie & Brendan

Awarded certificates in the
Mayoral Chambers this week

